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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Complete Listing of Claims:

8. (Previously Presented) A polymer for use in the reduction of aluminosilicate containing scale according to the formula:

where x = 0.5-20%, y = 99.5-80%.

9. (Previously Presented) A polymer for use in the reduction of aluminosilicate containing scale according to the formula:

where w =1-99.9%, x=0.1-50%, y=0-50%, z=0-50%; and Q is phenyl.

10. (Previously Presented) A polymer for use in the reduction of aluminosilicate containing scale according to the formula:

$$(CH_2-CH)_x-(CH_2-CH)_y-(CH_2-CH)_x-$$
/ / /
 $CONH_2$ COOM Si(OR*)3

where:

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$$M = Na, K, NH_4$$
; and $R'' = H, C1-C3$ alkyl, aryl, Na, K or NH_4 .

11. (Previously Presented) The polymer in accordance with claim 10 according to the formula:

where:
$$x= 1-99\%$$
, $y=1-99\%$, $z=0.5-20\%$.

12. (Currently Amended) A polymer for use in the reduction of aluminosilicate containing scale, wherein the polymer is a water soluble graft copolymer of Formula a or Formula b:

$$((CH) - (CH))_x$$
-graft-(polymer)- Formula b / / COOH COX-R'-Si(OR") $_3$

where

x = 0.1 - 99% (as percentage of monomer units in the polymer) and

X = NH, NR' or O;

R' = C1-C10 alkyl, or aryl and

R" = H, C1-C3 alkyl, aryl, Na, K or NH₄.

 (Currently Amended) The polymer in accordance with claim 12 according to the formula: A polymer for use in the reduction of aluminosilicate containing scale, wherein the polymer is: